The Several

DECLARATIONS,

Together with the Several

DEPOSITIONS

Made in

COUNCIL

On *Monday Oct.* 22. 1688.

Concerning the

BIRTH

OF THE

Prince of *Wales.*

N. B. *Those Mark'd with this Mark* * *were* Roman Catholicks.

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AT THE COUNCIL-CHAMBER IN WHITEHAL,

Monday Oct. 22. 1688.

THis Day an Extraordinary Council met, where were likewiſe preſent, by his Majeſty's Deſire and Appointment, Her Majeſty the Queen Dowager, and ſuch of the Peers of this Kingdom, both Spiritual and Temporal, as were in Town. And alſo the Lord Mayor and Aldermen of the City of London; *the Judges, and ſeveral of Their Majeſties Council Learn'd, hereafter Named.*

The King's moſt Excellent Majeſty.

Her Majeſty the Queen Dowager, *in a Chair placed on the King's Right hand*

His R. H. Prince *George* of *Denm.*	Earl of *Oxford,*
	E. of *Huntingdon,*
Lord Chancellor,	Earl of *Peterborow*
Lord Preſident,	Earl of *Craven,*
Lord Privy Seal,	Earl of *Berkeley,*
Duke of *Hamilton*	Earl of *Rocheſter,*
Ld. Chamberlain,	Earl of *Moray,*

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Lord *Bellaſyſe*,
Lord *Godolphin*,
Lord *Dover*,
Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer,
Maſter of the *Rolls*
L. C. Juſt. *Herbert*,
Sir *Tho. Strickland*
Sir *Nicolas Butler*,
Mr. *Titus*,
Ld. A. B. of *Cant.*
Duke of *Norfolk*,
Duke of *Grafton*,
D. of *Northumb.*
Duke of *Ormond*,
Marq. of *Hallifax*
Earl of *Pembroke*,
Earl of *Salisbury*,
Earl of *Clarendon*,

Earl of *Cardigan*,
Earl of *Ailesbury*,
Earl of *Burlington*
Earl of *Litchfield*,
Earl of *Feverſham*,
E. of *Nottingham*,
Viſcount *Newport*
Viſc. *Weymouth*,
Biſhop of *London*,
Bp. of *Wincheſter*,
Bp. of *Rocheſter*,
Biſhop of *Cheſter*,
Bp. of St. *Davids*,
Lord *North*,
Lord *Chandois*,
Lord *Montague*,
Lord *Herbert* of *Cherbury*,
Lord *Vaughan* Earl of *Carbery*,
Lord *Colepeper*,
Lord *Churchill*,
Lord *Waldegrave*.

Ld. Mayor and Aldermen of *London*,

Sir *Rob. Wright*, Lord Chief Juſtice of the Kings Bench,

Sir *Tho. Powell*, } Juſtices of the
Sir *Rob. Baldock*, } Kings Bench,

Sir *Thomas Street*, } Juſtices of
Sir *Edw. Lutwych*, } the Com-
Sir *Thomas Fennour*, } mon Pleas.

Sir *Richard Heath*, } Barons of
Sir *Charles Ingleby*, } the Exche-
Sir *John Rotheram*, } quer.

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Sir *John Maynard*, } His Majesties
Sir *John Holt*, } Serjeants at
Sir *Ambr. Phillips*, } Law.
Sir *Tho. Powis*, Attorney General,
Sir *Wi. Williams*, Solicitor General,
Sir *James Boteler*,
Mr. *North*, the Queens Attorney,
Mr. *Montague*, the Queens Solicitor,
Sir *Charles Porter*.

To whom his Majesty spake to this effect,

My Lords,

I Have called you together upon a very extraordinary Occasion; but extraordinary Diseases must have extraordinary Remedies. The malicious endeavours of my Enemies have so poisoned the Minds of some of my Subjects, that by the Reports I have from all hands, I have reason to believe, that very many do not think this Son, with which God hath blessed me, to be mine, but a supposed Child. But I may say, that, by particular Providence, scarce any Prince was ever born where there were so many Persons present.

I have taken this time to have the matter heard and examined here, expecting that the Prince of *Orange*, with the first Eastwardly Wind, will invade this Kingdom: And as I have often ventur'd my Life for the Nation before I came to the Crown, I think my self more obliged to the same now I am KING; and

do intend to go in Perſon againſt him, whereby I may be expoſed to Accidents, and therefore I thought it neceſſary to have this now done, in order to ſatisfie the Minds of my Subjects, and to prevent this Kingdom's being engaged in Blood and Confuſion after my Death; deſiring to do always what may contribute moſt to the Eaſe and Quiet of my Subjects, which I have ſhewed by ſecuring to them their *Liberty of Conſcience*, and the Enjoyment of their Properties, which I ſhall always preſerve.

I have deſired the Queen Dowager to give her ſelf the trouble to come hither, to declare what ſhe knows of the Birth of my Son, and moſt of the Ladies, Lords and other Perſons who were preſent, are ready here to Depoſe upon Oath their Knowledge of the Matter.

Whereupon the Queen Dowager was pleaſed to ſay:

THAT when the King ſent for her to the Queen's Labour, ſhe came as ſoon as ſhe could, and never ſtir'd from her till ſhe was delivered of the Prince of *Wales*.

Catherina

And the following Depoſitions were all taken upon Oath.

Elizabeth, *Lady Marchioneſs of* Powis, *Depoſeth*,

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That about the 29th of *December* last, the Queen was likely to miscarry; whereupon she immediately went unto her and offer'd her some effectual Remedies, which are made use of on the like Occasion; which the Queen order'd this Deponent to acquaint the Doctors with. The day following the Queen *Dowager* sent this Deponent to see how the Queen did; who reply'd, *She had a pretty good Night, and did think she had quickned, but would not be positive till she felt it again.* That after this the Deponent did frequently wait on the Queen in the Morning, and did see her shift her several days, and generally saw the Milk, and sometimes Wet upon her Smock. That some time after this Deponent went into the Country, and came not up till a few days before the Queen was brought to Bed; and from the time of this Deponent's Return, she saw the Queen every day till she was brought to bed, and was in the Room a quarter of an hour before, and at the time of her Delivery of the Prince by Mrs. *Wilks*, her Majesty's Midwife, which this Deponent saw, and immediately went with the Prince, carry'd by Mrs. *Delabadie* into the Queens little Bed-chamber, where she saw Sir *Tho. Witherly* sent for by the Midwife, who gave the

Child three Drops of ſomething which came into the World with him, which this Deeponent ſaw done; And this Deponent doth aver this Prince to be the ſame Child which was then born, and that ſhe has never been from him one Day ſince. * *Eliza. Powis*

Anne *Counteſs of* Aran, *Depoſeth*,

THat ſhe went to the Queen from *Whitehal* to St. *James*'s as ſoon as ſhe heard that her Majeſty was in Labour; when ſhe came, ſhe found the Queen in Bed, complaining of little Pains; the Lady *Sunderland*, Lady *Roſcommon*, Mrs. *Labadie*, and the Midwife, were on that ſide the Bed where the Queen lay; and this Deponent, with a great many others ſtood on the other ſide till the Queen was deliver'd; as ſoon as her Majeſty was deliver'd, ſhe ſaid, *O Lord, I dont hear the Child cry*, and immediately upon that, this Deponent did hear it cry, and ſaw the Midwife take the Child out of the Bed, and give it to Mrs. *Labadie*, who carry'd it into the little Bed-chamber, where ſhe, this Deponent, follow'd her, and ſaw that it was a Son; and that likewiſe ſhe, the Deponent, hath ſeveral times ſeen Milk run out upon the Queens Smock, during her being with Child.

A. Aran.

Penelope

Penelope *Counteſs of* Peterborow, *Depoſeth,*

THat ſhe was often with the Queen while her Majeſty was laſt with Child, and ſaw the Milk often upon her Majeſties Smock, when ſhe, the Deponent took it off from the Queen, and often ſaw her Majeſties Belly ſo as it could not be otherwiſe but that ſhe was with Child. That the ſaid Deponent ſtood by the Bed-ſide on the 10th of *June* laſt in the Morning, while the Queen was deliver'd of the Prince of *Wales.*

P. Peterborow.

Anne *Counteſs of* Sunderland, *Depoſeth,*

THat *June* 10. 1688, being *Trinity Sunday*, the Deponent went to St. *James's* Chapel at eight of the Clock in the Morning, intending to receive the Sacrament; but in the beginning of the Communion Service, the Man which looks to the Chapel came to the Deponent, and told her *She muſt come to the Queen*; the Deponent ſaid, *She would as ſoon as Prayers were done.* In a very little time after, another Man came up to the Altar to the Deponent, and ſaid, *The Queen was in Labour, and the Deponent muſt come to her Majeſty*; who then went directly to the Queens Bed chamber. As ſoon as the Deponent came in, her Majeſty told her, this Deponent, *She believed ſhe*

was in Labour. By this time the Bed was warmed, and the Queen went into Bed, and the King came in. The Queen asked the King, *if he had ſent for the Queen Dowager?* He ſaid, *he had ſent for every Body.* The ſaid Deponent ſtood at the Queen's Boulſter, the Lady *Roſcommon*, Mrs. *Delabadie*, and the Midwife on that ſide of the Bed, where the Queen was Delivered. After ſome lingring Pains, the Queen ſaid, *She feared ſhe ſhould not be brought to Bed a good while*; but enquiring of the Midwife, ſhe aſſured her Majeſty, that *ſhe wanted only one thorow Pain to bring the Child into the World*; upon which the Queen ſaid, *It is impoſſible, the Child lies ſo high*; and commanded this Deponent to lay her Hand on her Majeſty's Belly, to feel how high the Child lay, which the Deponent did; but ſoon after a great Pain came on at paſt Nine of the Glock, and the Queen was delivered; which the Midwife by pulling the Deponent by the Coat, aſſured her was a Son, it being the Sign ſhe told the Deponent ſhe would give her, the Queen having charged her not to let her Majeſty know preſently, whether it was a Son or Daughter. As ſoon as the Midwife, had given the Deponent the Sign, the Deponent made a Sign to the King that it was

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a Son, When the Midwife had done her Office, ſhe gave the Child to Mrs. *Delabadie*, which was a Son, and ſhe carried it into the little Bed-chamber. *A. Sunderland.*

Iſabella *Counteſs of* Roſcommon *Depoſeth.*

THAT on the 10th of of *June* laſt, ſhe ſtood by the Lady *Sunderland* in the Queen's Bed-chamber, while the Queen was in Labour, and ſaw the Prince of *Wales*, when he was taken out of the Bed by the Midwife. *I. Roſcommon.*

Margaret *Counteſs of* Fingall *Depoſeth*,

THAT ſhe waited on the Queen *Dowager* her Miſtreſs into the Queen's Bed-chamber at St. *James*'s, when the Queen was in Labour, and ſtood by the Bed's Feet, when her Majeſty was Delivered of the Prince. That the Deponent ſaw the Prince carried away into another Room, and ſoon after follow'd, and ſaw him in that Room. * *Marg. Fingall.*

Lady Sophia Bulkeley *Depoſeth*,

THAT ſhe was ſent for on *Trinity-Sunday* laſt paſt about Eight a Clock in the Morning to go to St. *James*'s; for the Man that came, ſaid, *The Queen was in Labour, and he and others were ſent to call every Body.* That this Deponent made as much haſte as ſhe could to riſe and be dreſs'd, but did not get to the Queen's

Queen's Bed-chamber until a little after Nine a Clock, and then this Deponent found the Queen in her Bed, and the Queen *Dowager* there ſat upon a Stool, and ſome of the Ladies about her. After this Deponent having ſtaid a little while, and thinking the Queen in no ſtrong Pain, ſhe, this Deponent, went out, and being next to the Room where the Queen's Linen was a warming, heard a Noiſe, and look'd to ſee what was the matter, and finding no Body there, this Deponent ran and found the Lord *Feverſham* in the Queen's little Bed-chamber, who told this Deponent the Child was juſt born; this Deponent ask'd him, *What is it?* his Lordſhip ſaid, *He could not tell.* So this Deponent ran on to the Queen's Bed-ſide, and heard the Queen ſay to the Midwife, *Pray Mrs.* Wilks *dont part the Child* (which ſignifies, *don't cut the Navel-String, until the after-Birth is come away.*) And while the Queen was with Child, this Deponent had heard her Majeſty command her Midwife not to do otherwiſe, it being counted much the ſafeſt way; but to what the Queen ſaid juſt then (to the beſt of this Deponent's Remembrance) Mrs. *Wilks* replied, *Pray Madam, give me leave, for I will do nothing, but what will be ſafe for your ſelf*

ſelf and Child; the Queen anſwered, *Do then*, and then cry'd, *Where is the King gone?* His Majeſty came immediately from the other ſide of the Bed (from juſt having a ſight of the Child) and anſwered the Queen, *Here I am*; the Queen ſaid, *Why do you leave me now?* The King kneeled on the Bed, on that ſide where the Deponent ſtood, and a little after the Midwife ſaid, *All is now come ſafe away*, upon that the King roſe from the Bed, an ſaid. *Pray my Lords, come and ſee the Child*; The King follow'd Mrs. *Labadie*, and the Lords his Majeſty, into the little Bed-chamber, where this Deponent follow'd alſo, and ſaw as well as they, that it was a Prince, and that Mrs. *Wilks* was in the right to deſire to part the Child, for the Prince's Face, eſpecially his Forehead, was blackiſh, being ſtunn'd, as I have ſeen ſome other Children, when they have been juſt newly come into the World; but God be thanked, in two Hours time that he was dreſs'd and waſh'd (which the Deponent ſtaid by and ſaw done) the Prince look'd very freſh and well. This Deponent doth further add, that all the while the Queen was with Child, this Deponent had the Honour to pay her Duty very often Mornings and Nights, in waiting

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upon her Majesty in her Dressing-Room and Bed-Chamber; and for the last three or four Months, this Deponent hath oftentimes seen the Queen's Milk, as well as when this Deponent hath had the Honour to put on her Majesty's Smock.

* *S. Bulkely.*

Susanna *Lady* Bellasyse *Deposeth*,

THAT on *Trinity-Sunday* the 10th of *June* last, the Deponent's Servant seeing the *Queen Dowager's* Coaches in St. *James's* at an unusual Hour, went and asked the Occasion, and was told the Queen was in Labour; whereupon he came in to the Deponent's Chamber, and awaked her; that the Queen having come to lodge at St. *James's* but the Night before, they being in a great Hurry, forgot to call the Deponent as her Majesty had ordered; that the Deponent made all the Haste she could into her Majesty's Bed-chamber, and found the Queen in Bed and Mrs. *Wilks*, her Majesty's Midwife, sitting by the Bedside, with her Hands in the Queen's Bed; the Queen asked her, the said Midwife *What she thought*? Mrs. *Wilks* assured her Majesty, *That at the next great Pain the Child would be born*; whereupon the King ordered the Privy Councellours to be called in; this Deponent stood behind

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Midwife's Chair, and immediately after the Queen's having another great Pain, the Prince was born; that this Deponent ſaw the Child taken out of the Bed with the Navel-ſtring hanging to its Belly; that this Deponent opened the Receiver, and ſaw it was a Son, and not hearing the Child cry, and ſeeing it a little black, ſhe was afraid it was in a Convulſion Fit. *S. Bellaſyſe.*

Henrietta *Lady* Waldgrave *depoſeth*,

THat ſhe was in the Queen's Bed-chamber a quarter of an Hour before her Majeſty was delivered, and ſtanding by the Bedſide, ſhe ſaw the Queen in Labour, and heard her cry out much. * *Henrietta Waldgrave.*

Mrs. Mary Crane, *one of the Gentlewomen of the Bed-chamber to the Queen* Dowager, *depoſeth*,

THat ſhe went with the Queen *Dowager* to the Queen's Labour on the 10th of *June* laſt, and never ſtirred out of the Room till the Queen was delivered. That this Deponent did not follow the Child when it was firſt carried out of the Room, but ſtaid in the Bed-chamber, and ſaw all that was to be ſeen after the Birth of a Child. That ſhe, the Deponent, then went to ſee the Prince, and found him look ill, and immediately went to the King, and told his Majeſty, *She feared the Child was*

was ſick; that his Majeſty went immediately to the Prince, and came back and ſaid, *It was a Miſtake, the Child was very well.* * *Mary Crane.*

Dame Iſabella Wentworth, *one of the Gentlewomen of the Bed-chamber to the Queen, depoſeth,*

THat ſhe often ſaw the Milk of her Majeſty's Breaſt upon her Smock, at which the Queen was troubled, it being a common Saying, that it was Sign the Child would not live; and that ſhe, the Deponent, did once feel the Child ſtir in the Queen's Belly while her Majeſty was in Bed; and that ſhe was preſent when the Child was born, and ſtaid till ſhe heard it cry, and then went to fetch Vinegar for the Queen to ſmell to; ſhe, the Deponent, heard the Queen command the Midwife not to tell her of what Sex it was, for fear of ſurprizing her Majeſty: When the Deponent brought the Vinegar, ſhe did deſire to ſee the Child, Mrs. *Delabadie* having it in her Arms. The Child looked black, whereupon the Deponent deſired Doctor *Waldegrave* to look to it, believing it was not well; that the Deponent ſaw the Navel-ſtring of the Child cut, and three Drops of the Blood, which came freſh out, given to him for the Convulſion Fits. *Iſabella Wentworth*

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Dame Catherine Sayer, *one of the Gentlewomen of the Bed-chamber to the Queen* Dowager, *Depoſeth*,

THat ſhe waited on the Queen *Dowager* to the Queen's Labour, and was all the time by the Bed-ſide, and ſtood there till the Queen was delivered, and follow'd the Child, when it was carried by Mrs. *Delabadie* to the little Bed-chamber, and took a warm Napkin and laid it on the Child's Breaſt, believing the Child was not well.

Catherina Sayer.

Dame Iſabella Waldegrave, *one of the Gentlewomen to the Bed-chamber to the Queen, Depoſeth*,

THat ſhe was conſtantly with the Queen, her Majeſty was likely to miſcarry, and had often ſeen Milk in her Majeſty's Breaſts, and was with the Queen at the time of her Labour with the Prince, and ſaw the Prince taken out of the Bed, and went after Mrs. *Delabadie* with the Prince in her Arms into the little Bed-chamber, and was by when the Child was ſhewn to the King that it was a Son; and this Deponent took the After-burden, and put it into a Baſon of Water, and carried it into the Queen's Cloſet.

* *Iſabella Waldegrave*

Mrs. Margaret Dawſon, *one of the Gentlewomen of the Bed-chamber to the Queen, depoſeth,*

THat on the tenth of *June* laſt, in the the Morning, ſhe was ſent for by the Queen out of St. *James's* Chappel, where ſhe was at Prayers, and that coming up into the Queen's Chamber, ſhe found her ſitting all alone upon a Stool by the Bed's-head, when the Queen ſaid to her, this Deponent, *She believed her ſelf in Labour*, and bid her, the Deponent, *Get the Pallate-Bed which ſtood in the next Room, to be made ready quickly for her*; but that Bed having never been aired, the Deponent perſuaded the Queen not to make uſe of it: after which the Queen bid the Deponent, *Make ready the Bed ſhe came out of*, which was done accordingly. The Deponent further ſaith, *That ſhe ſaw Fire carried into the Queen's Room in a Warming-Pan to warm the Bed*, after which the Queen went into her Bed, and that the Depouent ſtirred not from the Queen until her Majeſty was delivered of a Son. That ſhe, this Deponent, well remembers, that on the 29th of *December* laſt: her Majeſty was afraid of Miſcarrying, which was about the time ſhe quickned; and that after the Queen had gone 22 Weeks with Child, her Majeſty's

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Milk began to run, which ſhe the Deponent often ſaw upon her Smock, and that the 9th of *May* her Majeſty apprehended miſcarrying again with a Fright.

Margaret Dawſon.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bromley, *one of the Gentlewomen of the Bed chamber to the Queen, depoſeth,*

THat ſhe was ſick all Winter, till a little before *Eaſter* laſt, when ſhe the Deponent came into Waiting; that from that time till the Queen was brought to Bed, ſhe the Deponent ſaw the Queen put on her Smock every Morning, by which means ſhe ſaw the Milk conſtantly all out of her Majeſty's Breaſts, and obſerved the Bigneſs of her Majeſty's Belly, which could not be counterfeit. That the Deponent came from *White-hall* to the Queen's Lodgings at St. *James's* the tenth of *June* laſt, and remained in the Room till the Queen was delivered and afterwards; but did not follow the Child till ſome time after, when ſhe the Deponent went to ſee what colour'd Eyes he had.

Elizabeth Bromley.

Mrs. Peregrina Turini, *one of the Gentlewomen of the Bed-chamber to the Queen, depoſeth,*

THat ſhe conſtantly attended the Queen when ſhe was laſt with

Child, and that on the tenth of *June* last. she was in Waiting on her Majesty, who called her on the said tenth of *June* in the Morning, and told her, the Deponent, *She was in Pain*, and bid her send for the Midwife, her Ladies and Servants, after which the Deponent staid with the Queen during her Labour, and until she was delivered of the Prince of *Wales*,

* The Mark of *Peregrina X Turini.*

Mrs. Anna Cary, *one of the Gentlewomen of the Bed-chamber to the* Queen Dowager, *deposeth*,

THat she waited on the *Queen Dowager* from *Somerset-house* to St. *James's*, the Day the Queen was brought to Bed, and went into the Queen's Bed-chamber, where she this Deponent stay'd, till the Queen was deliver'd, and saw the Prince as soon as he was born.

* *Anna Cary.*

Mrs. Mary Anne Delabadie, *Dry-Nurse to the Prince, deposeth*,

THat she was with the Queen all the time her Majesty was with Child, and dress'd her every Day, and in all the nine Months did not miss above six Days, and that at several Times by reason of Sickness. That on *Sunday* Morning the tenth of *June* last, she the Deponent was sent for to the Queen, who was in Labour;

Labour; that the Deponent came presently, and was with the Queen all the time of her Labour, and that kneeling down by the Midwife, giving her Cloaths for the Queen, the Midwife told this Deponent, *that immediately on the next Pain, the Queen would be delivered*, which accordingly she was; that this Deponent whisper'd to the Midwife, asking *Whether it was a Girl?* she answer'd *No*; whereupon the Midwife parted the Child, and put it into the Receiver that the Deponent had given her, and then delivered the Child to the Deponent, and bid her *Go and carry it to the Fire, and take care of the Navel*, which this Deponent did, and the King and Council follow'd her, and the King asked this Deponent, *What it was?* who answered, *What he desired*; the King replied, *But let me see*, whereupon the Deponent presently shewed his Majesty that it was a Son, and the Privy Counsellors then present saw it one after another. The Deponent sat with the Prince in her Lap, all the Midwife had done with the Queen; then the Midwife came and took the Prince from this Deponent, and asked for a Spoon for to give 3 Drops of the Blood of the Navel-string, which the Midwife cut off by the Advice of the Physicians,

who ſaid, *It was good againſt Fits.* That the Deponent held the Spoon when the Midwife drop'd the Blood into it, and ſtir'd it with a little Black Cherry Water, and then it was given to the Prince; that the Queen ſent for this Deponent, and gave her the Prince to take care of him in quality of Dry-Nurſe, which ſhe has hitherto done; and further depoſeth it to be ſame Child that was born of the Queen; and that Mrs. *Danver's*, one of the Princeſs of *Denmark*'s Women, and formerly Nurſe to the Lady *Iſabella*, coming to ſee the Prince, ſhe told this Deponent, *She was glad to ſee the ſame Marks upon his Eye, as the Queen's former Children had.*

* *Mary Anne Delabadie.*

Mrs. Judith Wilks *depoſeth,*

THat being the Queen's Midwife, ſhe came often to her, eſpecially when her Majeſty was in any Danger of miſcarrying, and many times felt the Child ſtir in her Belly, and ſaw the Milk run out of her Majeſty's Breaſts; that on *Trinity Sunday* laſt in the Morning about eight of the Clock, the Queen ſent Mr. *White*, Page of the Back-ſtairs, to call her this Deponent, believing her ſelf in Labour; when the Deponent came, ſhe found the Queen in great Pain and Trembling; the Queen told

old her, *the feared it was her Labour, t being near the time of her first Reconing*, she the Deponent desired her Majesty not to be afraid, saying, *She id not doubt but that it was her full ime, and hoped her Majesty would have s good Labour as she always had*; and hilst her Majesty was sitting tremling, her Water broke, and immeiately she sent for the King, he beg gone to his own side, and let im know in what Condition she as, and desired him to send for hom he pleased to be present; the ueen order'd this Deponent to send r Mrs. *Dawson* and the rest of her omen; Mrs. *Dawson* came pretly, and the Countess of *Sunderd* with her, and the rest of the omen also; that most of them w her, this Deponent, make the d fit for the Queen to be deliverin; which when it was ready r Majesty was put into, and about a Clock that Morning, the een was delivered of the Prince *Wales* by her this Deponent's Assince; and afterwards she the Deent shewed the After-burthen to Physicians, and before them the ponent cut the Navel-string, and e the Prince three Drops of his od, to prevent Convulsion Fits, ording to their Order And this ponent further saith, *That when*

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the Child was born, it not crying, the Queen ſaid, *She thought it was dead* this Deponent aſſured her Majeſty it was not, and deſired leave to pur the Child from the After-burthen which the Queen was unwilling to have done, thinking it might be dan gerous to her ſelf; but the Deponen aſſuring her Majeſty it would not her Majeſty gave Conſent; whereup on the Child preſently cried, an then the Deponent gave it to Mrs *Labadie.* * *Judith Wilke*

Mrs. Elizabeth Pearſe; *Laundreſs t the Queen, depoſeth,*

THat about nine of the Clock o the tenth of *June* laſt in th Morning, ſhe came into the Bed chamber, and heard the Queen cr out, being in great Pain, in whic ſhe continued until her Delivery after which ſhe the Deponent ſa the Prince of *Wales* given by th Midwife to Mrs. *Labadie*; that im mediately after the Deponent ſa the Midwife hold up the After-bu then, ſhewing it to the Compan and then the Deponent fetch'd h Maids, and with them took away the foul Linen hot as they came fro the Queen; that for a Month aft her Majeſty's Lying in, the Dep nent well knows by the waſhing her Linen, that the Queen was the ſame Condition that all oth

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Women uſe to be on the like Occaſion; and that ſome time after her quickning, it appeared by her Smocks, that her Majeſty had Milk in her Breaſts, which continued until ſhe was brought to bed, and afterwards during the uſual Time.

Elizabeth Pearſe.

Frances, *Dutcheſs of* Richmond *and* Lenox, *depoſeth*,

THat ſhe the Deponent was not at the Queen's Labour, becauſe ſhe did not know it time enough, but as ſoon as ſhe did, ſhe made all the Haſte ſhe could to dreſs her; but the Queen was delivered before ſhe the Deponent came; and that at a Time when the Queen apprehended ſhe ſhould miſcarry, and the Phyſicians made her Majeſty keep her Bed for that Reaſon; the Deponent went one Evening to wait upon her Majeſty, and as ſhe ſtood by her Bed-ſide, her Majeſty ſaid to her, *My Milk is now very troubleſome, it runs out ſo much.* The Deponent asked the Queen, *If it uſed to do ſo?* who anſwered, *It uſed to run out a little, but now the Fright I am in of miſcarrying, makes it run out very much, as you may ſee*; throwing down the Bed-cloaths to the middle of her Stomach, and ſhewing her Smock upon her Breaſts to the ſaid Depo-

nent, which was very wet with he... Milk. * *Richmond* and *Lenox*...

Charlotte, *Counteſs of* Litchfield, *depoſeth*,

THat ſhe was not at the Queen's Labour (being in Child-bed herſelf) but that ſhe was almoſt conſtantly with the Queen, while ſhe was with Child, and hath put over her Smock, and ſeen the Milk run out of her Breaſts, and felt her Belly; ſo that ſhe is ſure ſhe could not be deceived, but that the Queen was with Child. * *C. Litchfield*...

Anne *Counteſs of* Mariſchal, *depoſeth*,

THat ſhe was ſeveral times in the Queen's Bedchamber when ſhe ſhifted her ſelf, and hath ſeen her Smock ſtain'd with her Milk; that ſhe was not at the Queen's Labour tho' ſent to by one of her Ladies, being ſick of a Fever; but does in her Conſcience believe her Majeſty was with Child, both by her Belly and her Milk. *A. Mariſchal*...

George *Lord* Jeffreys, *Lord Chancellour of* England, *depoſeth*,

THat he being ſent for to *James*'s on the tenth of *June* laſt by a Meſſenger that left Word the Queen was in Labour; ſoon after he, this Deponent, came to *James*'s, and was ſent for to the Queen's Bed-chamber, and to the Bed of his, the Deponent's Appre...

ſion, the Queen was in Labour, and had a Pain or two to the beſt of the Deponent's Remembrance, before the reſt of the Lords were called in. The Deponent ſtood all the time at the Queen's Bedſide, and heard her cry out ſeveral times as Women in Travail uſe to do, and at length, after a long Pain, it was by ſome of the Women, on the other ſide of the Bed, ſaid, *The Child was born.* The Deponent heard the Queen ſay, *She did not hear it cry.* The Deponent immediately ask'd the Lord Preſident, *What it was?* he whiſpered, *that it was a Boy*, which the Deponent underſtood he had hinted to him by the Lady *Sunderland.* Immediately the Deponent ſaw a Gentlewoman, who he hath ſince heard her Name to be Mrs. *Labadie*, carry the Child into another Room: whither the Deponent followed, and ſaw the Child when ſhe firſt opened it, and ſaw it was black and reeking, ſo that it plainly ſeemed to this Deponent to have been newly come from the Womb. The Deponent doth therefore depoſe, he doth ſtedfaſtly believe the Queen was deliver'd of that Child that very Morning.

Jeffreys C.

Robert *Earl of* Sunderland, *Lord President of his Majesty's Privy Council, and Principal Secretary of State deposeth*,

THat on *Sunday* Morning the tenth of *June* last, he was sent to to come to St. *James*'s, the Queen being in Labour. The Deponent immediately went, and found many of the Lords of the Council there. After having been some time in an outward Room, first the Lord Chancellour, and then the rest of the Council were called into the Queen's Bed-chamber, where in a short time her Majesty was brought to Bed. The Deponent saw Mrs. *Labadie* carry the Child into the next Room whither the Deponent followed with many more, and saw it was a Son, and had the Marks of being new born. *Sunderland*

Henry *Lord* Arundel *of* Wardour *Lord Privy Seal*, *deposeth*,

THat on the 10th of *June* last, being *Sunday*, he had Notice given him that the Queen was in Labour; whereupon the Deponent repaired to St. *James*'s between Nine and Ten of the Clock in the Morning, where he found several Lords of the Council; in a little time after they were all called into the Queen's Bedchamber; in less than a quarter of an Hour after, she

fell into the ſharpneſs of her Labour; her Cries were ſo vehement, and eſpecially the laſt, that the Deponent could not forbid himſelf the being concern'd for her great Pain; which the Deponent expreſſing to the Lord Chancellour, he told the Deponent *it was a Sign her Majeſty would the ſooner be delivered*, or Words to that purpoſe, which proved very true, for preſently after ſhe was ſo; the Deponent heard a Whiſpering up and down that it was a Prince, for no Man was permitted to ſpeak it aloud, leſt the ſudden Knowledge of it might have diſcompoſed the Queen; the Deponent did not go in with ſome Lords when the Child was carry'd into the next Room, which was the Occaſion the Deponent did not ſee him when he was uncovered and dreſs'd. * *Arundel* C. P. S.

John *Earl of* Mulgrave, *Lord Chamberlain of his Majeſty's Houſhold, ſaith*, It is not to be expected one of his Sex ſhould be able to give full Evidence in ſuch a Matter, *but depoſeth*,

THat he was juſt at the Bed's-feet, and heard the Queen cry very much, then the Deponent followed the Child into the other Room, and it ſeemed a little black; the Deponent alſo ſaw it was a Boy.

Mulgrave.

William *Earl of* Craven, *deposeth*,

THat he attending the King at St *James's*, the 10th of *June* last in the Morning, to receive the Word of his Majesty; the King had Notice brought him, that the Queen was upon the Point of falling into Labour, upon which the King commanded the Deponent's Stay and Attendance; and after the Space of one Hour and something more, this Deponent was, with some other Lords of his Majesty's Privy Council, called into the Queen's Great Bed-chamber to be present at her Delivery, and as near as this Deponent can remember, the Queen made three Groans or Squeeks, and at the last of the three was delivered of a Child, the which was carry'd out into the little Bed-chamber; and there by the Fire this Deponent saw it cleansing: And this Deponent further saith, That he took that particular Mark of this Child, that he may safely aver, that the Prince of *Wales* is that very Child that then was brought out of the Queen's Great Bed-chamber, where this Deponent and others were present, as aforesaid, at her Majesty's Labour and Delivery.

Lewis *Earl of* Feversham, *Lord Chamberlain to her Majesty the Queen Dowager, deposeth*,

That

THat being in Bed upon the 10th of *June* between 8 and 9 a Clock in the Morning, Mr. *Nicholas*, one of his Majesty's Grooms of his Bed-chamber, came into this Deponent's Room, and told him, *That the King had sent him to tell the Queen* Dowager, *that the Queen was in Labour*, and told him further, *That the Queen* Dowager *had given Order for her Coach, as soon as she heard the News of the Queen's Labour.* The Deponent dressed himself with all Speed, and came to wait upon the Queen *Dowager*, who was ready to go into her Coach, as she did; the Deponent went into one of her Coaches to wait upon her Majesty as he us'd to do, having the Honour to be her Lord Chamberlain; and then went to St. *James's*, and then conducted her Majesty into the Queen's Bed chamber, and finding the Queen in Pain, the Deponent went into the next Rooom, where were several Lords of the Privy Council, from whence the Deponent heard the Queen cry out several times, and a very little after the Lords of the Council were called in, and the Deponent followed them into the Bed-chamber, and a very little after the Queen cry'd louder, and then said, *Pray do not tell me what it is yet.* The Deponent went out of the Room to

tell the News that the Queen was brought to Bed; and when the Deponent came in again, the News was that it was a Prince; and immediately the Deponent saw Mrs. *Labadie* with the Child wrap'd up in her Arms, and in the Crowd; upon which the Deponent desired to make room for the Prince, and followed her into the little Bed-chamber where the Deponent saw the Prince as a Child newly born, as he believed it. *Feversham*

Alexander *Earl of* Morray, *deposeth*,

THat he came not to St. *James's* till half an Hour after the Queen was brought to Bed, and only heard that her Majesty was brought to Bed of a Prince, which the Deponent verily believes, as he is alive, she brought into the World that very Morning, being the 10th of *June* last, 1688. * *Morray*

Charles *Earl of* Middleton, *one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, deposeth*,

THat the 10th of *June* last past, betwixt 8 and 9 of the Clock in the Morning, he had Notice that the Queen's Majesty was in Labour, whereupon the Deponent made what Haste he could to St *James's*; and the Deponent found the Earl of *Craven* waiting at the Queen's Bed-chamber

chamber Door towards the Drawing-room, which was then ſhut; juſt after the King opened it, and called the Earl of *Craven* and the Deponent in; the Deponent asked his Majeſty, how the Queen was? He was pleaſed to anſwer the Deponent, *You are a married Man and ſo may know theſe Matters; the Water is broke or come away,* or to that Effect; and then bid the Deponent go into the Dreſſing-room within the Bed-chamber, where the Deponent found ſeveral Perſons of Quality; above half an Hour after, to the beſt of this Deponent's Memory, all the Company in that Room were called into the Bed-chamber; the Deponent ſtood near the Bed's-feet on the left Side, where he heard the Queen's Groans, and preſently after ſeveral loud Shrieks; the laſt, the Deponent remembers continued ſo long, that he then wondered how any Body could hold their Breath ſo long; preſently after, the Deponent heard them ſay, *The Queen was delivered*: Whereupon the Deponent ſtepped up to the Bed-ſide, and ſaw a Woman, he ſuppoſes, the Midwife, kneeling at the other ſide of the Bed, who had her Hands and Arms within the Bed-cloaths for a pretty while; then the Deponent ſaw her ſpread a Cloth upon

upon her Lap, and laid the End of it over the Bedcloaths, and then fetch a Child (as the Deponent firmly believes, for he could not then ſee it) out of the Bed into that Cloth, and give it to Mrs. *Labadie*, who brought it round to the ſide where the Deponent ſtood, and carry'd it into a little Room, into which the Deponent immediately followed the King, and ſaw her ſit down by the Fire, and heard her ſay, *It is a Boy*; upon which the King ſaid, *Let me ſee it*; thereupon ſhe laid open the Cloth, and ſhewed all the Child, ſaying, *There's what you wiſh to ſee*: The Deponent doth not charge his Memory with the very Words, but the Senſe of what he heard. The Deponent looked upon the Child at the ſame time, which appeared to be very foul. This Deponent deſireth Pardon if he doth not know the proper Expreſſion, but hopes his Meaning is plain.

Middleton.

John *Earl of* Melfort, *depoſeth*,

THat on *Sunday* the 10th of *June* laſt, betwixt 8 and 9 in the Morning, the Deponent was informed, that the Queen was in Labour; the Deponent went to St. *James's* and waited in the Queen's Drawing-room till ſome of the Gentlemen told him he might go in; the

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Deponent ſcratched at the Door of the Bed-chamber, and finding no Anſwer, he ran down by the Garden ſide, and came to the Queen's Back-ſtairs, and finding the Dreſſing-room Door open, the Deponent went into the Queen's Bed chamber, where he ſaw a great Number of Company, Lords and Ladies ſtanding about the Bed: The Deponent heard the Queen cry out in great Pain, as Women uſe to do when they are near being brought to Bed; the Deponent heard her complain, and a Woman's Voice which the Deponent thought to be the Midwife, telling her, *She would be quickly well, ſhe would be brought to Bed immediately*; within a little the Deponent heard the Ladies behind the Bed ſay, *The Queen was brought to Bed*, and the Queen cry out, *The Child is dead, I do not hear it cry*, and immediately the Child cried; within a little the Deponent ſaw a Woman bring a Child from within the Bed; the Deponent looked ſo earneſtly at the Child, that he knew not what Woman it was; the Child was in the Condition of a new born Child, lapp'd up in looſe Cloths; the Deponent ſaw him carried into the little Bed-chamber, and went about by the Dreſſing-room, and entred by the other Door into the Room where the Prince was, and

ſaw

ſaw him in the Condition of a new Born Child; and the Deponent, by the Oath he hath taken, believes him to be the Queen's Child. * *Melfort.*

Sidney, *Lord* Godolphin, *Lord Chamberlain to the Queen, depoſeth,*

THat he was called into the Queen's Bed-chamber, with the reſt of the Lords of the Council, being one of the laſt; and the Queen *Dowager* being there, and ſeveral Ladies, the Room was ſo full that the Deponent could not get near the Bed, but ſtood by the Chimney: there the Deponent heard the Queen cry out ſeveral times as Women uſe to do that are in Labour; and the laſt Cry that the Deponent heard, was much greater than the other; immediately upon that, the Deponent was called out of the Room, to give ſome Directions about the Lodgings that were preparing for the Child, which were not ready; the Deponent made haſte back again, but as he was coming, he met People running with the News that the Queen was deliver'd of a Son, whereupon the Deponent went into the little Bed-chamber, and ſaw the Child.

Godolphin.

Sir Stephen Fox, *Knight, depoſeth,*

THat on *Sunday* the 10th of *June* laſt paſt, about 9 of the Clock, as he came out of the Chappel at *White-*

White-hall after the first Sermon, hearing that the Queen was in Labour, he, the Deponent made haste to St. *James's*, because in waiting, as an Officer of the Green Cloath, to warn the several Servants below Stairs to be in their Offices, that upon that Occasion there might not happen to be any thing wanting of Houshold Provisions and Necessaries under his this Deponent's Command; but first going up by the Back-stairs, into her Majesty's Dressing-room, and being there with many others, he heard her Majesty cry out very loudly, whereupon this Deponent hastned to the *Green Cloth*, and ordered the several Servants to deliver out of their several Offices whatsoever should be called for, and as this Deponent was returning back to the Queen's said Dressing-Room, he was told, a Prince was born; upon which News, He, this Deponent, went into the Queen's Little Bed chamber, and saw the young Child before he was dress'd. *Ste. Fox.*

Lieutenant Colonel Edward Griffin, *deposeth*,

THat upon *Sunday* the 10th of *June* last, he had the Honour to be in waiting upon the King with the Stick, and between 8 and 9 in the Morning, this Deponent was in the Queen's Dressing-room at St. *James's*,

James's, with ſeveral Lords of the Council, and after ſome time we were there, the King came out of the Queen's Bed-chamber, and called all the Lords in, and this Deponent went in along with them, being in waiting; immediately after the ſaid Lords and this Deponent were in the Room, the Queen cried out extreamly, and ſaid, *Oh, I die; you kill me, you kill me*: And the Midwife (as this Deponent believeth) anſwered, *This one Pain, Madam, and 'twill be over*; then preſently Mrs. *Dawſon* made to this Deponent the Sign that the Child was born: then this Deponent heard the Queen ſay, *Don't tell me what it is yet*: and Mrs. *Dawſon* came to this Deponent and whiſper'd him in the ear, *'Tis a Prince, but don't take notice of it yet*. Then Mrs. *Delabadie* brought away the Child from the Bed ſide, and carry'd it into the little Bed-chamber, and the King and the Lords of the Council went after her, but this Deponent did not follow them.

Edward Griffin

Sir Charles Scarburgh, *Firſt Phyſician to the King, depoſeth*,

THat upon the Deponent's coming to viſit her Majeſty then lying at St. *James's* on *Sunday*, *June* 10 1688. as the Deponent went up the Back ſtairs, he heard the joyful Acclamation

clamation, *That a Prince of* Wales *was born*: upon which the Deponent haſtned preſently into the little Bed-chamber, where the Deponent found Mrs. *Labadie* juſt ſitting down before the Fire, with the new-born Prince wrapt in the Mantles, lying in her Lap. Then paſſing to the Queen, in the next Bed chamber, the Deponent congratulated the happy Birth of the Prince, and her Majeſties ſafe Delivery. The Queen was weary'd and panting, but otherwiſe in good Condition. Then the *Midwife* brought to the Deponent the *After-birth* reeking warm, which Sir *Tho. Witherley* with the Deponent examined, and found very ſound and perfect. After a while the Deponent underſtood that a Medicine was mention'd among the Ladies for a certain Remedy againſt Convulſions: It was ſome Drops of Blood from the Navel ſtring; the Deponent conſulted Sir *Tho. Witherley* and the other Phyſicians; and, to ſatisfie the Women, it was allow'd of; there being, as was conceived, no Danger in the thing. Whereupon the Midwife, with a ſmall Knife, ſlit the Navel-ſtring beyond the Ligature, from which came ſome Drops of freſh Blood, taken in a Spoon and given the Child, mixt with a little *Blackcherry water*. Thus much the Deponent hath to ſay upon her Majeſties preſent Delivery.

Now for the *Time of the Queen's* Conception, ſhe often told the Deponent and others, that ſhe had two Reckonings; One from *Tueſday* the 6th of *September*, when the King returned from his Progreſs to the Queen then at *Bath*; and the other from *Thurſday* the 6th of *October*, when the Queen came to the King at *Windſor*, but for ſome reaſons the Queen rather reckoned from the latter; tho afterward it prov'd juſt to agree with the former. Moreover her Majeſty, when according to her Reckoning ſhe was gone with Child 12 Weeks, ſaid, *That ſhe was Quick and perceived the Child to move*; the Deponent returned no Anſwer to the Queen, but privately told thoſe about her, that in truth it could not be in ſo ſhort a time. Yet the Queen was in the right, only miſtook her Reckoning; for ſhe was then full 16 Weeks gone with Child, about which time ſhe uſually quickned with her former Children, and accordingly was brought to Bed on the 10th of *June* 1688. and within 3 or 4 days of full 40 Weeks.

Charles Scarburgh

Sir Thomas Witherley, *ſecond Phyſician to the King, depoſeth,*

THat on *Sunday June* 10. the Deponent was preſent in the Queen's Bed-Chamber when the Prince of *Wa-*

Yles was born; the Deponent saw
rs. *Labadie* bring the Child from
e Midwife, and carry him into the
xt Room, whither the Deponent
llowed her, and saw the Child be-
re he was cleanſed; and having a
ommand from the Queen, that
ere ſhould be two Drops of Blood
the After-burthen given the firſt
ing; we the Deponent and the o-
er Phyſicians did take two Drops
Blood from the Navel-ſtring which
mained upon the Child, and gave
in a ſpoonful of *Blackcherry-water*,
the Queen commanded. After this
e Deponent ſaw (as alſo did the
her Phyſicians) the After-burthen
tire. *Tho. Witherley.*

William Waldegrave, *her Majeſties firſt Phyſician, depoſeth,*

Hat in the Progreſs of her Maje-
ſties being with Child, the De-
nent having the Honour to wait
on her as uſual, on *Febr.* 13. 1687
out 10 in the morning, ſhe told the
ponent ſhe had Milk in her Breaſts
ich dropt out; it was then thought
e 19*th* week, according to one Rec-
ning, but according to another
ckoning it was the 21*ſt* or 22*d*
ek. The Deponent alſo affirmeth,
at her Majeſty took ſuch Aſtringent
dicines, during the moſt part of her
ing with Child, in order to avoid
ſcarriage that if ſhe had not been

with Child, they must have been dangerous consequence. Upon *June* 10 1688. the Deponent was call'd, his Lodging in *Whitehall*, to wait the Queen, being told she was in labour, upon which the Deponent went to St. *James*'s, and so into the Queen Bed-chamber, and found her beginning her Labour, it being about 8 the Clock in the Morning; the Deponent stirr'd not from thence but to get such Medicines as were fit for her Majesty, and then return'd again and was in the Bed-chamber when she cry'd out, and was deliver'd the Deponent follow'd Mrs. *Debadie*, who took the Prince in her Arms so soon as he was born, and carried him into the little Bed-chamber, where the Deponent saw him upon her Lap, and was by when he took two or three Drops of the Navel-string fresh warm Blood, which was mix'd with *Black Cherry Water*, then returned into the great Bed-chamber, where the Deponent saw the After-burthen fresh and warm.

* *William Waldegrave*

Dr. Robert Brady, *one of his Majesty's Physicians in Ordinary, deposeth*

THat a little before Ten of the Clock in the Morning, on the 10th of *June* 1688. the Deponent

been was in the Queen's little Bed cham-
on Fu er at St *James's*, where the Depo-
call'd, ent saw the Prince of *Wales* in Mrs.
wait abadie's Lap by the Fire side; the
as in l Deponent desired to see the Linen
ent we nd Blankets opened in which he
Quee as wrapped; which being done,
r begi he Deponent saw it was a Male
out 8 Child, and the Navel-string hang-
the D ng down to, or below the Virile
ce b arts, with a Ligature upon it, not
re fit f r from the Body, but did not see
d agai ny After-burthen, hanging at, or
er whe ining to it, not being at the Birth,
liver'd he Deponent asked how long he had
s. *Del* en born, the Standers by told
in h im, *at three Quarters of an Hour af-*
rn. an *r Nine of the Clock, the Queen was*
le Be *livered.* *Robert Brady.*

ent sa mes St. Amand, *their Majesties A-*
was b *pothecary, deposeth,*

Dro THat from the beginning of *No-*
war *vember* last, he hath generally
h *Blac* ery Day, till the 9th of *June* 1688.
into t ven, by the Physicans Orders, Re-
the D ringent and Corroborating Medi-
en fre nes to the Queen's Majesty; that
n the 10th of *June* he was sent for
ldegra haste to come to St. *James's* to her
ajesty, who, the Messenger told
s Maj m, *Was in Labour*; that the De-
epose th nent then received a Note from
n of t e Physicians for Medicines for her
on t ajesty, which the Deponent was
epone liged to stay and prepare, and so
w came

came not to St. *James*'s till the Queen was delivered; the Deponent meeting, just as he was going into the Bed chamber, Mrs. *Labadie* with the young Prince in her Arms; the King and several of the Lords, soon after following into the little Bed-chamber; where the Deponent saw the Child naked, before it was cleansed from the Impurities of its Birth; and also saw the Navel-string cut, and some Drops of fresh Blood received into a Spoon, which the Deponent mingled with a little *Black-Cherry-Water*, and saw given by the Physicians Orders to the Child; and afterwards going into the Great Bed-chamber, where the Queen was delivered, he saw the After-burthen, *&c.* fresh. *Fa. St. Amand.*

After these Depositions were taken, his Majesty was pleased to acquaint the Lords, That the Princess *Anne* of *Denmark* would have been present, but that she being with Child, and having not lately stirred abroad, could not come so far without Hazard. *Adding further*,

AND now, my Lords, altho' I did not question but every Person here present was satisfy'd before in this Matter; yet by what you have heard, you will be better able to satisfie others. Besides, if I and the Queen could be thought so

wicked,

wicked, as to endeavour to impose Child upon the Nation, you see ow impossible it would have been; either could I my self have been imposed upon, having constantly been with the Queen during her being with Child, and the whole time of er Labour. And there is none of ou but will easily believe me, who ave suffered so much for Conscince sake, uncapable of so great a lany, to the Prejudice of my own hildren. And I thank God, that hose that know me, know well, hat it is my Principle, *To do as I ould be done by, for that is the Law d the Prophets*: and I would rather e a thousand Deaths, than do the ast Wrong to any of my Children.

His Majesty further said,

F any of my Lords think it neceſſary the Queen ſhould be ſent r, it ſhall be done. *But their Lordips not thinking it Neceſſary Her Maty was not ſent for.*

T is order'd this Day by his Majesty in Council, That the ſeveral Declarations here before made by his Maſty, and her Majeſty the Queen Dower, *together with the ſeveral Depoſitns here entred, be forthwith Enrolled the Court of* Chancery. *And the rd Chancellour is ordered to cauſe the ne to be Enrolled accordingly.*

IN Purſuance of which Order in Council, the Lord Chancellour on *Saturday* the 27th day of *October* following in the High Court of *Chancery* (many of the Nobility and Lords of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy Council being there preſent) cauſed the aforeſaid Order of the Council and Declarations of his Majeſty, and likewiſe that of her Majeſty the Queen *Dowager* to be openly and diſtinctly read in Court, as the ſame are entred in the Words aforeſaid, in the Council Book. And the Lords and Ladies, and other Perſons who made the reſpective Depoſitions aforeſaid, being preſent in Court, were ſworn again, and having heard their ſeveral Depoſitions diſtinctly read in the Words aforeſaid, and being ſeverally interrogated by the Court to the Truth thereof, they all upon their Oaths affirmed their reſpective Depoſitions to be true; and did likewiſe depoſe (except ſome few, who came in late to the Council-Chamber, or ſome who ſtood at too great a Diſtance) that they heard his Majeſty, and her Majeſty the Queen *Dowager* make the ſeveral Declarations aforeſaid, and that the ſame as they had been read, were truly entered, as they did believe, in the Council Book, according to the Senſe, Intent and Meaning of what his Majeſty the King, and her Majeſty the Queen *Dowager* did then declare. And for as much as the Earl of *Huntingdon* and the Earl of *Peterborow*, who were able to depoſe to the Matters aforeſaid had not been examined at the Council Board, but had brought their ſeveral Depoſitions in Writing, which they delivered into Court, the ſaid Lord Chancellour, after the ſaid Earls were ſeverally ſworn, ordered their Depoſitions to be openly read in theſe Words following.

Upon

UPon *Trinity Sunday*, the 10th of *June* 1688. I went to St. *James*'s House about Nine a Clock in the Morning, and followed my Lord Chancellour, through the Lodgings to the Dressing-room, next to the Queen's Bed-chamber, where divers Lords of the Council were met upon Occasion of the Queen's being in Labour, the King came several times into the Room, and amongst other things was pleased to tell us, *That the Queen came exactly according to her first Reckoning*, which was from the King's Return from his Progress, to *Bath* in *September*, 1687. After this the Councellours were ordered to come into the Bed-chamber, and I stood on that side of the Bed that had the Curtains drawn open, I heard her Majesty cry out several times. I staid in the Room during the Birth of the Prince of *Wales*. I saw him carried into the little Bed-chamber, whither the King, the Lords and my self in particular did follow him.

Huntingdon.

I Had the Honour to be in the King's Chamber in the Morning when Word was brought him, the Queen was not well, and followed him into the Dressing Room next her Majesty's Bed-chamber, where I staid till his Majesty called me to come in, which was about the beginning of her Pains. I confess the Compassion I had for her Majesty, hearing her Cries, made me stay there very uneasy; one of the last especially seemed to me so sharp, as it really forced me for a little time to stop my Ears with my fingers to avoid hearing more of the like; when setting them at Liberty, I heard no more, but perceived a sudden Satisfaction in the Faces of the Assistants, several saying, *That the Queen was delivered*, and soon hereupon I saw the Prince brought from about

about the Bed, and carried into the little Bed-chamber, whither I went afterwards to behold him more particularly, where I saw him as a Child newly born.

* *Peterborow.*

AFter which the said Earls did severally upon their Oaths affirm their Depositions to be true as they had been read, and that they were present in Council, and heard her Majesty the Queen *Dowager* make the several Declarations aforesaid, and that the same were entred in the Council Book as they did believe, according to the Effect, true Sense and Meaning of what their Majesties declared in Council, whereupon his Majesty's Attorney General moved the Court, that the said Declarations of his Majesty, and of her Majesty the Queen *Dowager*, and the several Depositions, and the Order of Council, should be Enrolled in the *Petty Bag* Office, and in the Office of Inrolments in the Court of *Chancery*, for the safe Preservation and Custody of them, which the Lord Chancellour ordered accordingly.

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